

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1046
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Michael Earl May, Jr.,
2004 Valedictorian of Gatlinburg-Pittman High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Michael Earl May, Jr. is one such exceptional student who was named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School (GPHS); and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. May has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, during his remarkable high school career, Mr. May has earned an outstanding grade point average; and

WHEREAS, he has earned numerous honors during his high school years, including the Silver Award on the National Latin Exam, Certificates of Excellence in Latin I and II, Honors Algebra II, Computer Applications, Spanish I and II, and Honors Biology II, Medals in the Art, Economics, Math, Honors, and Essay Divisions of the East Tennessee Regional Academic Decathlon Competition, inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and recognition for Most School Spirit, and as a National Merit Commended Student and a United States Achievement Academy All American Scholar; and

WHEREAS, highly involved in his school and community, he has participated in the GPHS Canned Food Drive, Alzheimer's Foundation Fundraising, Toys for Tots, volunteer work with Children with Special Abilities, Pep Club, Interact Club, Spanish Club, Key Club, and Varsity Soccer; and

WHEREAS, a true leader among his peers, he has served as Captain of the GPHS Scholars Bowl Team, Co-Consul of the GPHS Junior Classical League, a Government Day Representative, an American Legion Boys' State Representative, and Vice-President of the GPHS Chapter of the National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, Michael Earl May, Jr.'s noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Linda and Mike May, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. May's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a student at Vanderbilt University and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Michael Earl May, Jr., 2004 Valedictorian of Gatlinburg-Pittman High School, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for much happiness and every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.